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## PLEDGES HIS SUPPORT TO WILLIAMS

J. B. A. Robertson, Congratulates Williams on his Success and Tenders Services for the Campaign.

Judge Robertson sent to Judge Williams a note of congratulation on his nomination as democratic choice for governor.

This was followed by a polite acknowledgment from Williams.

Then George F. Clark, manager of the Robertson campaign, conceded the nomination to Judge Williams on a report from D. B. Welby and Norman Haskell, that the intention of the electio officials in the counties where the votes had been recounted seemed to be to conduct a fair election. This ends the prospects of a contest in the courts and places the warring factions of the party in accord. The investigation by the Attorney general as asked by the governor will probably proceed.

The letter from Judge Robertson to Judge Williams is as follows:

You have received the nomination for governor at the hands of the Oklahoma Democrats, and I, therefore, desire to extend to you my sincere congratulations and good wishes. I claim to be a good democrat and as such it becomes my duty, and I here by tender to you, and through you, to the organization of that great party, my services for the coming campaign.

"Let us as a party, forget the past differences and unite as a common front to perpetuate the Democratic principles of government in this state of ours, to the end that life and property may be secure and the burdens of government equally distributed among those who received the benefits."

Judge Williams made reply as follows:

"Acknowledging receipt of yours of 17th inst., I beg to thank you for your expression of congratulation contained therein relative to my having secured the democratic nomination for governor in the recent primary.

"It shall be my purpose as the leader of the Democratic party of this state, to use all my power not only to harmonize the party as a party but to administer good and just government for all of the people of the state after I shall have been elected to the office of Governor of Oklahoma. Those democrats who followed your fortunes in the recent primaries, as well as those other candidates, you will find by my acts that I shall merit the support, not only of every good democrat but of every good citizen of this state.

"I avail myself of this opportunity to congratulate you upon the splendid campaign made by you, supported by such a mass of loyal friends and admirers."

## ALLEGED HORSETHIEF CAUGHT

Deputy Sheriff Terry, of Caddo and Town Marshal Bob Bell, after following the trail of a horsethief from Keanick Sunday and arrested a young man about eighteen years of age, by the name of Carl Cardell, within a few miles of Bennington. Some time during Sunday night a horse belonging to Chas. Bell was taken from the lot but was not missed until Monday morning when the Caddo officers were notified. They took up the trail and followed it all night and Tuesday morning at daylight they located Cardell at the home of Mr. Davis, near Bennington. The young man stated that he had purchased the horse from someone near that place. The horse was found in the stable. Cardell had another horse with him, which was a little sorrel branded Z— on the shoulder, which it is thought had been stolen from someone.

The young man claims that he mother lives here now but his name does not appear in the city directory and no one seems to know them.

## To Sell Indian Land.

As a result of the effective and aggressive action of Cato Sells, the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, 150 thousand acres of surface and segregated coal lands in the Chickasaw and Choctaw nations are to be advertised and sold before the end of the year.

These lands are among the best for farming purposes to be found in the state of Oklahoma.

## NOMINATION CERTIFICATES HAVE BEEN ISSUED

The Democratic nominees of the primary on August 4, have been awarded their certificates of nomination which were issued to the various candidates on Monday.

In the county there will be over one hundred to issue the certificates to, including the socialists.

## BABY THROWN FROM TRAIN

Section Hand Found New Born Child Dead; Wrapped in Newspaper on Right of Way near Colbert.

A section hand on the Katy railroad Monday made a gruesome find while working on the main line east of Colbert. Noticing a bundle near the track he investigated with the result that he found a new-born infant wrapped in a paper and dead.

The infant appeared to be only a few hours old. The find was reported to the officers at Colbert and the county officers were notified and Deputy Taylor and County Attorney Turnbull went down on the noon Katy to investigate.

The infant was found on the Main line track which is used by all the through passenger trains and it is supposed to have been thrown from the limited either Monday morning or at midnight Sunday.

Marks were found on the infant to show that it had received severe bruises which accounted for the supposition that it had been thrown from the train.

The infant was buried in the cemetery at Colbert Monday afternoon.

County Attorney Walter Turnbull and Deputy Sheriff Taylor, who went to Colbert Monday, say they were unable to find any clue as to the person who threw the new born infant from the train. The infant was wrapped in an old skirt and this was wrapped in a late issue of the Dallas News. The doctors made an investigation and stated that the neck was broken. It was thought by some that the infant was not thrown from the train but carried there by parties in a buggy and placed near the track. The officers say this could not be as evidences were found where the bundle struck the ground where it fell from the train.

Near where the remains were discovered was found a bundle of woman's clothing.

There were no identification marks on the clothing to tell where it came from, but the officers are almost certain that the bundles were thrown from the orthbound limited Sunday morning.

## BAD CHECK ARTIST HERE

Several of the Local Business Firms are 'Touched Up' and the 'Toucher' gets Away.

A bad check artist paid Armstrong and Durant a visit several days ago and made a grocery merchant at each place poorer by several dollars. He visited Z. Z. Morehead's store at Armstrong, bought some groceries, presented a check in payment and received the difference in cash, and said that Mr. York, living on Townsend's place, would call for the groceries.

He gave the name of J. F. Jones which was the name of a young man at work for Mr. York, but who it was proven, was at home working all day. Because of a downpour of rain the young fellow stayed in the store and talked to Mr. Morehead for two hours, after which he departed and little more was thought of the incident until Mr. York failed to call for the groceries. Investigation was made which proved that the check was bogus, and the man gone with the cash, except for the small purchase he made of the groceries.

Later in the day the young man entered the Enterprise Grocery Store on south Second Avenue in this city and upon being approached by a clerk, said that he wished to speak to Mr. Mackey, the proprietor.

Mr. Mackey, upon glancing at the check, thought that he recognized the check of Mr. Townsend with which he was familiar and sold the man a small bill of groceries amounting to \$4, and when he went to give the change found that he could only give him ten dollars as they had just gone to the bank with a deposit. He took the ten and was to call for the remainder when he called for the groceries which he said he would do the next morning. The check was for twenty dollars, and Mr. Mackey, thinking he was familiar with the check of Mr. Townsend, paid but little attention to the man and says that he could not now identify him. Mr. Morehead, however, says he can as he talked with him quite a while. He made a trip to Texas looking for him.

The officers were notified but as of have obtained no clue as to the forger's whereabouts. He must have known the people and have been familiar with the circumstances to have worked in this way and not arouse any suspicion.

## WEDNESDAY OPENING DAY OF CARNIVAL

Caddo's Annual Fair-Day Celebration Promises to be a Great Success This Year.

This announcement means that Southeastern Oklahoma's greatest show event will hold the attention of thousands of people who will visit Caddo during that time.

This is Caddo's time to entertain. The event has been thoroughly advertised so that everybody knows of it, and almost everybody is coming. The booster trip of last week made thousands of men and women interested in Caddo, and they are coming. Denison is coming five hundred strong, Sherman will bring a like number; Durant will be heavily represented. Calera and Colbert will have hundreds of people here while Bechtolt, Bennington, Blue and Kenefick will be here often and promptly. These people know it is a show worth coming to and they are sure of good treatment when they come. Caney and Atoka, Lehigh and Coalgate are coming, while Wagonmucka, and Tishomingo, Madill and Kingston will be here. Besides the town people there are hundreds of farmers who will be here from miles around to see the exhibits of the farm products, live stock, and fruits. The women are interested in the baby show, the culinary and fancy work departments, together with the chicken and hogs.

The scoring of the babies will take place Monday and Tuesday in the Odd Fellows Hall, then the show will take place at the grounds on Friday as announced in the booklets that have been sent out. All the prizes advertised in the booklets will be paid.

The roping and riding events promise to be interesting and exciting. Thousands of people will visit the park during these events. Some good racing is also promised. Not the least feature of the carnival will be the race to be pulled off during the horse show. The prizes are big and should attract some of the best live stock in the country. The race track is large enough to furnish some good speed events. There is no admission charged to the carnival grounds, but for the racing and roping events an admission will be charged to defray a part of the expenses.

To insure plenty to eat on the grounds the ladies of the Methodist church will serve dinner Thursday and Saturday. Besides this there will be other places where refreshment may be obtained at nominal prices. Caddo people do not believe in "digging" the visitors. Private homes will be thrown open for sleeping accommodations after the hotels are filled.

There will be plenty of amusement and entertainment for everybody, so do not stay away, but come. The latch string is on the outside.

## BASKET DINNER SUNDAY

A letter from Earnest J. Bradley who is assisting in a meeting at Mead, states that they are preparing for a basket dinner Sunday.

People in and around Mead are invited to attend the services Sunday and all who will are asked to come and bring filled baskets.

Three services will be held Monday. Lord's supper and sermon at 11 o'clock. In the afternoon there will be a great song service held by Mr. Clifford James, minister of the Ada Christian Church. The evening services will begin at 8 p. m.

It is expected that the meeting will continue throughout next week. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend.

**HARDY WINNER BY 400**

According to the figures of the tally sheets to the state election board from the second judicial district, Judge Summers Hardy of Hugo, is winner for the supreme court nomination over Judge Rainey of Atoka by a majority of 427. Judge Hardy received 12,044; Judge Rainey 11,617.

This was one of the closest contests pulled off in this district, considering the heavy vote. The district is composed of the following counties: Bryan, Choctaw, McCurtain, Pushmataha, Coal, Atoka, Carter, Love, Johnson, Marshall, Pontotoc, Seminole, LeFlore, Latimer and Haskell.

## RETURNS AS PRISON GUARD

Tip Rushing has returned to McAlester where he has accepted his old position as a yeoman at the Penitentiary. He held this position from the beginning of statehood to the past year when he resigned and moved to his farm east of Durant. He has just served one year on the farm and has decided to return to the prison in preference.

## THIS WEEK'S WAR DEVELOPMENTS

Much Activity in 'Greatest World's War' which Effects all Europe.

**Monday**

That the Germans are forcing their way through Belgium is indicated by the Brussels report that German cavalry is approaching the Belgian capital, that measures for the defense of Brussels are being beaten and that the seat of government has been moved to Antwerp.

The British official press Bureau announces that any action which Japan may take against Germany will not extend beyond the China seas except for the protection of the Japanese shipping.

The British war council has decided to exclude correspondents from the forces in the field and it announced that the French war department intends to take the same action and that probably the war correspondents in Belgium will be ordered out of the state.

The German emperor, the crown prince and two other imperial princes are now at the great fortress from Berlin for the front has evoked much enthusiasm in the German capital.

The Brazilian government has instructed the minister at Berlin to ask for explanation and the punishment of those alleged guilty of the attack by the German soldiers on Bernardo Campos, former president of the state of Sao Paulo, and his wife who are reported to have been beaten and forced across the Swiss frontier.

Several Austrian army corps according to advices from Vienna, have invaded Russia and the Russian advance in Galicia has been checked. Brussels admits that the French casualties in the fighting between Namur and Diant were heavy, as the Germans are strongly entrenched and their artillery caused great havoc.

The British official news bureau says that the French fleet in the Mediterranean sea has made a sweep upon the Adriatic as far as Cattaro. Four Austrian warships are reported to have been sunk.

Motenege troops have crossed the Bosnian frontier and occupied the town of Teshalitsa after a fierce battle. They are also credited with exploring eight Austrian blockhouses and villages.

The British military and naval movements are still shrouded in mystery.

French official reports state that the French armies continue their marches in Alsace, where many guns are said to have been captured from the Germans, as well as many prisoners and the standard of an Alsatian infantry regiment, which is now on via via the French war office.

St. Petersburg report successes by the Russian troops over the Austrians on the frontier where an Austrian dragoon regiment is said to have suffered severely.

A German dreadnaught is reported by the captain of a Dutch steamer as having been put out of action. He asserted on arriving in Holland today that she is lying in the harbor at Tronhelm seriously damaged.

Four British battle ships are reported to have chased two Austrian cruisers from Antivari, where they had established a blockade.

Dispatches saying that Greece had received information of the passage through Bulgaria territory of the Turkish troops going toward Greece are published in Copenhagen. It is said that Greece has threatened to take similar measures.

A large amount of bullion for the relief of the American stranded in the British Isles was sent to London from the American cruiser Tennessee at Falmouth today.

**Tuesday**

The French officially report that the Germans have abandoned Scarpia. The Liege forts are said to be still intact.

A Brussels dispatch says that the German movement toward the Belgium center seems to have been checked.

A British expeditionary force of more than 100 thousand men have landed at the French and Belgian ports and doubtless is well on its way to form a junction with the allies.

A significant statement is issued by the British official press bureau to the effect that destroying fighting has occurred between the British patrolling squadrons and the flotilla and the German reconnoitering cruisers. A certain liveliness is apparent in the southern area of the North sea, the statement adds.

The French Commander in Chief, General Joffre, personally reports French progress in upper Alsace and declares the French troops have occupied all thereon in Lorraine, 32

## EQUALIZATION BOARD MEETS

Levies in Several School Districts and in Durant, Caddo and Bennington Delayed owing to the Lateness of Receiving the Corporation Values.

The county excise board, consisting of the county clerk, the county superintendent, county treasurer and the county attorney, has been in session this week approving the estimates of needs for the ensuing fiscal year, of the various school districts, townships, towns and cities of the county, and as soon as this work is completed the levies for each city, town, township, and district for taxation will be announced, and the tax for 1914 will be figured up and placed upon the tax rolls in the treasurer's office.

For the reason that the pipe line company has not yet made its rendition for this county and the Pioneer Telephone company assessments are still to be received, the estimates for the city of Durant and the town of Caddo and Bennington are held up.

The estimate for several districts through which the pipe line runs are held up by the delay in receipt of the pipe line valuation. These are expected any day, however, from the state board of equalization.

## State Convention September 5

Organization of the New Democratic State Committee was affected today with the greatest harmony that has ever been present in such a meeting in Oklahoma. The factious of the party had practically all got together and the slate that was prepared last night was put through without a dissenting voice or a ripple of disturbance.

Alger Melton of Chickasha, recent campaign manager for Judge Williams, was made state chairman. Dr. J. W. Duke of Guthrie, vice chairman; S. A. Wheatley, of Mangum, secretary; W. R. Samuels of Vinita, treasurer.

The state convention will be held in Oklahoma City on September 8. County conventions will be held on September 5. Precinct conventions will be held on August 29. Tulsa sought to secure the state convention and the vote stood Tulsa 29, Oklahoma City 37.

## UTTERBACK IN LINE FOR JOB

Durant Attorney Spoken of as Superintendent for Union Indian Agency at Muskogee.

Washington, Aug. 20.—With a 5 thousand dollar plum as the objective, the race for the superintendency of the Union Indian Agency at Muskogee is becoming spirited. The consolidation becomes effective on September 1.

Seven persons, Commissioner Wright, Superintendent Kelsey of Union Agency, Former Mayor A. F. McGarr and Judge Thomas L. Leahy of Muskogee, John D. Porter, of Tulsa, Royal J. Allen of Duncan and W. E. Utterback of Durant are being considered for the place. So far the Oklahomans have been unable to agree upon a candidate and Commissioner Lane seems to be inclined to favor the appointment of either Commissioner Wright or Mr. Kelsey.

Senator Owen has expressed no choice for the place and did not accompany the delegation last Saturday when the protested to Secretary Lane against the appointment of Mr. Kelsey.

**CRUCE APPOINTEES WERE NOMINATED**

Five of the appointees of Governor Cruce were nominated to the offices to which they aspired. Two of them were defeated.

Of the successful men two of them were candidates for the electives of offices to which they had been appointed. The others were candidates for offices other than the ones to which they had been appointed.

**THE NEWS WAR PAGE**

The News carries in this issue a page of special matter, descriptive of the two great countries of the European powers, which are responsible for the general state of war existing at this time.

The page is well illustrated and should prove of interest to the readers of the News.

## RETURNS FROM TITLE MEN'S MEET

E. H. Stewart, of the Stewart Title Abstract Co., has returned from Muskogee where he attended a meeting of the title men of the state. Mr. Stewart was on the program Friday as a leader of one of the most important subjects that was discussed during the meeting.

## NEW S. E. N. PRESIDENT RETURNS WITH FAMILY

Prof. Canterbury and family have arrived from their former home at Marietta, and at present are occupying the home of Prof. P. E. Laird while he ad his family are in Kansas. In the meantime he will find a location for the future.

## KILLING AT ACHILLE SUNDAY

Buford Scribner Died at Denison on Tuesday Evening from Effects of Blow on the Head with a Baseball Bat; Dee Townsend Arrested.

As the result of being struck over the head with a ball bat at Achille last Sunday afternoon, Buford Scribner of that place died in the sanitarium at Denison, Texas, Tuesday evening, and Dee Townsend, who wielded the bat is held without bond in the county jail awaiting the results of a preliminary hearing at which time it will be determined whether or not he is entitled to bond.

The story of the affair as told to a reporter of the News is in substance as follows:

Scribner is a young man about 22 years old who lived at Achille and earned his living by day labor. Dee Townsend is the seventeen year old son of Mr. Townsend, a farmer living near there.

The two had not gotten along well for some time, and it is said that Scribner has been picking on the younger and smaller man.

Last Sunday afternoon trouble came up between the two of them and at that time, Townsend had a ball bat in his hand. Scribner is said to have called the young man a vile name, after which he attempted to slap him in the face but missed. He then stooped to pick up a piece of plank and at that moment Townsend laid drive with the baseball bat and struck him a heavy blow across the left side of the head knocking him down and rendering him unconscious.

Scribner was taken to Denison for an operation. In the meantime gained consciousness, but died before the operation could be performed and placed under thousand dollar bond in Justice Varner's court. Tuesday night after Scribner died Deputy Sheriff Tabor went to Achille and re-arrested Townsend on a murder charge and brought him to this city.

Townsend is said to be a young man of good behavior and lives at home with his parents. Scribner, while not a bad man, is said to have been rather wild.

## HERRING CONGRATULATES BOB WILLIAMS

Judge Robert L. Williams, democratic nominee for governor of Oklahoma, has received the following telegram from one of his opponents for the nomination:

Elk City, Okla., Aug. 15, 1914. "Hon. R. L. Williams, "Oklahoma City. "I wish you to accept my hearty congratulations.

"F. E. HERRING."

Judge Williams answered the telegram by expressing his appreciation and stated that he would be gratified in having the advice of Mr. Herring in giving Oklahoma the best kind of government.

**SHARP AND HICKS FILE PROTESTS**

Monday morning in the district court, Clint Sharp and Lige Hicks, lessees of the Holland Wagon Yard, filed a petition answer to the one wherein the county attorney secured an injunction forbidding booze to be sold on their premises or to be allowed to be stored there. They deny the allegations of the county attorney and ask that the injunction be dissolved. The case will be heard on its merits at the term of district court next month.